AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11 – 18 as follows. Please add claims 19 – 44 as follows.

1. (Original) A method of presenting a unified view of a first message sent to a first mailbox on a second client using a low cost communication channel and a high cost communication channel, the first mailbox coupled by a first communication channel to a first client, the first client having a second communication channel with a second mailbox and a low cost communication channel with the second client, the second client capable of being coupled in communication with the second mailbox using the high cost communication channel, the method comprising:

receiving the first message at the first client;

generating a distinguishing identifier for the first message;

sending at least a portion of the first message and the distinguishing identifier to the second mailbox using the second communication channel;

responsive to an action on the first message on the first client, creating a second message including the distinguishing identifier and a description of the action;

sending the second message to the second mailbox using the second communication channel;

selectably updating the unified view of the first message on the second client using either the high cost communication channel or the low cost communication channel.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selectably updating the unified view further comprises:

using the low cost communication channel when the second client is coupled in communication with the first;

updating the unified view of the first message on the second client using the at least a portion of the first message and the action;

removing the at least a portion of the first message and the second message from the second mailbox after updating the unified view.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selectably updating the unified view further comprises:

using the high cost communication channel when the second client is coupled in communication with the second mailbox;

receiving the at least a portion of the first message on the second client from the second mailbox;

receiving the second message on the second client using the second message; and

updating the unified view of the first message on the second client using the second message.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the high cost communication channel comprises a wireless communication channel.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the low cost communication channel comprises a synchronization communication channel.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the action comprises at least one of reading the first message, replying to the first message, forwarding the first message, classifying the first message, and deleting the first message.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first message includes an attachment, and wherein the at least a portion of the first message comprises a predetermined amount of the first message without the attachment.

8. (Original) An apparatus for presenting a unified view of a first message sent to a first mailbox on a second client using a low cost communication channel and a high cost communication channel, the first mailbox coupled by a first communication channel to a first client, the first client having a second communication channel with a second mailbox and a low cost communication channel with a second client, the second client capable of being coupled in communication with the second mailbox using the high cost communication channel, the method comprising:

means for receiving the message at the first client;

means for generating a distinguishing identifier for the first message;

means for sending at least a portion of the first message and the distinguishing identifier to the second mailbox using the second communication channel;

means for creating a second message including the distinguishing identifier and a description of the action responsive to an action on the first message on the first client;

means for sending the second message to the second mailbox using the second communication channel;

means for selectably updating the unified view of the first message on the second client using either the high cost communication channel or the low cost communication channel.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the means for generating a distinguishing identifier for the first message comprises:

means for generating a string with an address corresponding to the first mailbox;

means for generating an increasing number; and

means for adding a header to the first message, the header including the increasing number and the string.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the means for generating a distinguishing identifier for the first message comprises means for computing a secure hash of a portion of the first message.

11 - 18. (Canceled)

19. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 1.

20. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 2.

21. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 3.

22. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 4.

23. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 5.

24. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 6.

25. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 7.

26. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 8.

27. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 9.

28. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 10.

29. (New) A method of presenting a unified view of messages in a first mailbox and a second mailbox, wherein the first mailbox is hosted by a first host and the second mailbox is hosted by a second host, comprising:

a first client of the first mailbox receiving a first message addressed to the first mailbox;

determining whether the first message has been assigned an identifier;

if the first message has not been assigned an identifier, then:

generating a first identifier that is unique relative to other identifiers assigned to the messages by the first client and a second client of the second mailbox, and

sending at least a portion of the first message to the second mailbox;

detecting an action taken on the first message by the first client; and

in response to detecting the action, transmitting a second message to the second client that includes the first identifier and a description of the action.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein:
a set of channel communications between the first client and the second client includes a first channel of communication and a second channel of communication;
the steps further include selecting the first channel of communication; and
wherein the step of sending the first message includes sending the first message via the first channel.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the first channel of communication does not require participation of the second host to transmit the first message.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the second channel of communication includes a wireless channel of communication.

33. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein selecting the first channel of communication includes selecting the first channel based on relative cost between the first channel and the second channel.

34. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein sending the first message is deferred until a connection is established over the first channel.

35. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the steps further include, if the first message has been assigned an identifier, foregoing sending at least a portion of the first message to the second mailbox.

36. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein sending the second message causes the action to be repeated on the second client.

37. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 29.

38. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 30.

39. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 31.

40. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 32.

41. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 33.

42. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 34.

43. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 35.

44. (New) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to perform the method recited in Claim 36.